

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD STUDY SESSION MEETING 12-8-2020 #1011
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The Board of Education President, Mrs. Barbara Laifman, called the special meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. On March 17, 2020, Gov. Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that, in part, authorized governing boards to hold public meetings via teleconference. Governing boards must still provide advance notice of each public meeting in accordance with the Brown Act and make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe the meeting and/or to address the governing board.

Based on these guidelines, the OPUSD Board of Education held a video conference/teleconference special meeting on December 8th. Members of the public were able to observe the meeting using a published live stream link. Members of the public were able to submit comments via an online form which opened at 5:30 pm on the day of the meeting and remained open for submission of comments until the end of the meeting.

BOARD PRESENT

Mrs. Barbara Laifman, President, Mr. Allen Rosen, Vice President, Mr. Drew Hazelton, Clerk, Mr. Derek Ross, Member, and Mrs. Denise Helfstein, Member

BOARD ABSENT

Charlotte Robertson, Student Board Member

STAFF PRESENT

Mrs. Ragini Aggarwal, Executive Assistant

FLAG SALUTE

Barbara Laifman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion of Derek Ross, seconded by Drew Hazelton, the Board of Education adopted the agenda as presented. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent - 0.

OPEN SESSION

A. BUSINESS SESSION

1. BUSINESS SERVICES

a. [Review and Discussion of Executive Search Firm Proposals for the Recruitment of a New Superintendent and Selection of Finalists to present to the Board of Education at the December 16, 2020 Board Meeting](#)

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, the Board of Education decided to ask each of the firms back to present and interview at a special meeting to be held on December 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Motion carried Aye: Hazelton, Helfstein, Laifman, Rosen, Ross. No - 0. Absent - 0.

b. [Discuss the Interview Process Including Related Communications](#)

The Board held a discussion on the interview process for the search firms. The board also discussed the timeline for communication to the public regarding the superintendent search process.

On motion of Barbara Laifman, seconded by Denise Helfstein, there being no further business before this Board, the special meeting is declared adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Date

President of the Board

Date

Clerk or Secretary of the Board